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To: All those concerned with drafting and editing
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Subject: SPELLING: UNITED NATIONS PRACTICE IN ENGLISH

Authority

1. The purpose of the present instruction is to inform all those concerned with the drafting and editing of United Nations documents and publications that, effective immediately and until further notice, the authority for spelling and hyphenation in the United Nations is the eighth edition of The Concise Oxford Dictionary. 1/

2. Consequentially, the following sections of the United Nations Editorial Manual 2/ are hereby deleted:

Article F 1, chapter I, section A: Exceptions
Article F 1, chapter VI: Foreign words and phrases
Article F 1, annex: Words frequently found in United Nations documents, showing the prescribed spelling and hyphening.

3. All queries regarding the interpretation or application of the present instruction should be addressed to the Chief Editor.

Notes

1/ The Concise Oxford Dictionary, 8th ed. (Oxford University Press, New York and Oxford, 1990).

2/ United Nations Editorial Manual, United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.16 (ST/DCS/2).

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